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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 477

File No. 234

Cal. No. 204

**"AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE SETTLEMENTS FOR TOTAL  
LOSS VEHICLES."**

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- 1 In line 1, before "Section", insert "Section 1."
  - 2 After line 23, insert the following:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) (1) For purposes of this section, a "hands-free  
4 mobile telephone" means a telephone with speakerphone capability or  
5 an attachment, add-on or addition to a mobile telephone or other piece  
6 of equipment, whether or not permanently installed in the motor  
7 vehicle, that when used allows the operator of a motor vehicle to  
8 maintain both hands on the steering device.

9 (2) "Mobile telephone" includes, but is not limited to, cellular,  
10 analog, wireless and digital telephones capable of sending or receiving  
11 telephone communications without an access line for service.

12 (b) On and after January 1, 2002, no person shall use a mobile  
13 telephone while a motor vehicle is in motion on a public highway or  
14 private road unless such person is using a hands-free device while  
15 operating such mobile telephone or such person is: (1) An operator  
16 who is alone and reasonably fears for his or her safety or reasonably  
17 believes that a criminal act may be perpetrated against him or her; (2)  
18 an operator who is using such telephone to contact an emergency 911  
19 system to report what such operator reasonably believes is an  
20 emergency or the commission of a crime or motor vehicle violation; (3)  
21 an operator of a school bus with passengers who uses such telephone  
22 to call for assistance when the school bus experiences a mechanical  
23 breakdown or an emergency arises that endangers the operator or the  
24 passengers; or (4) a police officer, peace officer or firefighter or an  
25 operator of an ambulance, authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in  
26 subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the general statutes,  
27 bus, school bus without passengers, taxi cab or tow truck who uses  
28 such telephone while acting in the performance of his or her duties and  
29 within the scope of his or her employment.

30 (c) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent any passenger of  
31 a motor vehicle, other than the operator, from using a mobile  
32 telephone while the motor vehicle is in motion.

33 (d) Any violation of this section shall constitute an infraction and be  
34 punishable by a fine not to exceed seventy-five dollars for each

35 violation. Each such violation shall constitute a separate and distinct  
36 violation."